Russian co-operation for Kudankulam Plant

1907. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia and India have signed a contract for delivery of major equipment for construction of the Kudankulam Nuclear Plant in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the construction would be completed; and

(c) the details of further developmental programmes for the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement is for supply of equipment for a nuclear power project (2x1000 MW) being set up at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu in co-operation with Russian Federation. The targeted dates of completion of the project are December 2007 for Unit-1 and December 2008 for Unit-2.

(c) For the present, construction of only two units of 1000 MW each are approved by the Government of India. Infrastructural works at site for these units are nearing completion.

Nuclear Power Plant at Kudankulam

1908. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up $3 billion nuclear power plant at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether some activists are protesting against this project claiming that the nuclear waste from this plant would affect health of the people of the surrounding area; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?